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Aleppo Bowlers Close Active Season; Noble Robbins Wins Potentate's Trophy

Noble James Greig Re-elected President; Many Nobles Presented Prizes

By NOBLE VAIL K. HAAK, Associate Editor

GATHERED round a punch bowl on Thursday evening, April 21, in one of the Boston City Club dining rooms I spent one of my happiest half hours. The occasion preceded the annual banquet of The Aleppo Bowling League. Every

Due to other engagements Illustrious Potentate Cahill, Past Potentate MacKenzie and Past Potentate Pollard could not attend the dinner, but our old reliable friend Harvey B. Leggee, Assistant Recorder, was present and gave his usual



The Aleppo Bowlers. Left to Right — Front row: Nobles Girard N. Jones, Raymond E. Parker, James N. Greig, Allison W. Robbins, Harry E. Gordon. Second row: Nobles Albert M. Whitworth, Lawrence S. Bearse, Vail K. Haa, Richard F. Halladay, Leslie K. Snowden, Kristian A. Juthe, James R. MacGregor, Charles W. Burland, Philip A. Dexter, Harry N. Brown, John E. Eaton, Sr., William I. Whitley, Fred W. Pettit, Sidney M. Abbott. Third row: Nobles Herbert S. Grutchfield, Henry A. Seeley, William C. Rogers, John C. Juthe, George W. Snook, George L. Howland, Harrison L. Simonton and Almon H. Parker.

face was radiant regardless of whether or not they were to be a recipient of any of the beautiful prizes displayed on the table. Probably in a few minds the thought was that this was our last Thursday get-together for another year, but everybody could not help thinking that we of the Bowling League were winding up our most successful season.

interesting talk in regard to the league, both past and future.

President James Greig called on a former member of the league, James Krigman, well-known newspaper artist, to make the presentation of prizes. High average prize, won by James N. Greig, with the season's average of 114. High 3-string total, Harry Gordon, 374. High

single string, Girard N. Jones, 152. Winning team, John Eaton, Capt., Bearse, K. Juthe, Jones, Gordon. Second team, Capt. J. C. Juthe, Whitley, Burland, Seeley, Greig.

Immediately after the dinner all members adjourned to the bowling alleys, where the last 5 strings of a 10-string total were rolled. Handicap rules prevailed.

Robbins, with a handicap of 10 pins a string won the Potentate's Trophy presented by Charles T. Cahill, with a total of 1184. Raymond Parker with a handicap of 20 pins a string won the ALEPPO News Trophy, presented by its Editor, Harvey B. Leggee. His total for the 10 strings was 1176.

Here are the season's averages of each bowler: Greig 114, Jones 108, Gordon 106, Whitworth 103, Hansis 101, Robbins 100, Rogers 100, Eaton 100, Snook 100, Halladay 99, Haa 99, Grutchfield 99, Seeley 99, Brown 96, Seeley 95, Baker 95, Wilson 95, Simonton 95, Whitley 94, J. Juthe 94, Pettit 93, A. Parker 92, Dexter 92, Abbott 91, K. Juthe 91, Burland 91, Snowden 90, MacGregor 90, Howland 88, R. Parker 87.

Final standing of teams: Team No. 2, Capt. Eaton, won 50, lost 30. Team No. 3, Capt. J. Juthe, won 49, lost 31. Team No. 1, Capt. Grutchfield, won 47, lost 33. Team No. 4, Capt. A. Parker, won 41, lost 39. Team No. 5, Capt. Haa, won 32, lost 48. Team No. 6, Capt. Brown, won 21, lost 59.

All officers were re-elected for the coming year, namely, President, James N. Greig; Vice President, Harry E. Gordon; Treasurer, Almon E. Parker; Secretary, Vail K. Haa.



ON THE SPOT

YOU doubtless remember the episode of the ferocious leopard which escaped from a circus. The manager received a telegram from a neighboring city: "Have discovered your leopard—wire instructions." To which the circus boss replied, "Shoot him on the spot!" Another wire came back promptly, "Which spot?"

We don't want any shooting going on around here but we do suggest that every member of Aleppo Temple seek out a prospective candidate for our Spring Ceremonial, and put him "on the spot." After a little persuasive eloquence you should then be able to induce, intimidate, coax or strongarm him into signing, "on the dotted line."

The date of our Spring Ceremonial and Strawberry Festival is Friday, May 13. We will gladly furnish applications upon request.

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NEXT SHRINE LUNCHEON

THE next regular monthly luncheon, which will be the final one of the season, will be held at the Boston City Club, Tuesday, May 24, 1938.

For the guest speaker of this luncheon, Chairman Lionel G. H. Palmer, announces that he expects to have one of our well-known State officials. He has not been able to obtain a definite answer from this official as we go to press. However, we can expect Noble Palmer to give us another surprise equal to that of last month, when we were given a most interesting address by District Attorney Edmund R. Dewing.

Remember the date and plan to dine with the Nobility at the Boston City Club Tuesday, May 24, 1938. Come and hear about the many interesting things that are happening at our State House today. An inside story from a State official.

The committee is now preparing to make this last luncheon the outstanding one of the season. They have already received many donations of prizes from interested Nobles and friends, to be given out as door prizes.

WHAT A MAN!

SOME fellows can get away with anything. There's one in our neighborhood that does.

Morals don't mean a thing to him. He's unmarried, and lives openly with a woman he's crazy about; and doesn't care what the neighbors say or think. He has no regard for truth or law.

The duties of the so-called good citizen are just so much bunk as far as he's concerned. He doesn't vote at either the primaries or the general election. He never thinks of paying a bill.

We have seen him take a \$2 taxi ride without giving the driver so much as a pleasant look. The driver only stared at him and muttered something silly.

He won't work a lick; he won't go to church; he can't play cards, or dance, or fool around with musical instruments or the radio. So far as is known, he has no intellectual or cultural interests at all.

He neglects his appearance terribly. He's so indolent he'd let the house burn down before he'd turn in an alarm. The telephone can ring itself to pieces and he wouldn't bother to answer it. Even on such a controversial subject as the liquor question nobody knows exactly where he stands, because one minute he's dry, and the next minute he's wet.

But we'll say this for him, in spite of all his faults, he comes of a darn good family.

He's our new baby.

—Clipped.



CAPTAIN FLAGG ELECTED

CAPTAIN Francis J. Flagg, a member of the Shrine for twenty-six years, and since 1932 a member of Aleppo Temple, was unanimously elected President of the Rotary Club of Boston at the annual meeting held April 13.

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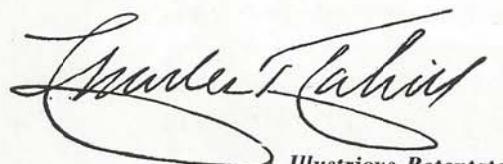
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HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

(Reprinted from *The Crescent*)

A NOBLE in my Temple was hypnotized by a pair of twinkle toes surrounded by a pair of long silk stockings. He made an 18-carat fool of himself and the front page of a newspaper at one and the same time without the aid of a net or the use of a mustache to conceal the movements of his lips.

A Shriner related some of the intimate details of the affair to a group at the Masonic Temple. A newcomer joined the group. He listened a moment and then, pointing to the Shrine button on the coat of the talker, said: "Why, he's a Shriner, isn't he?" The gesture and the look which accompanied it meant more than his words. The speaker faltered and answered: "Yes, he is, and I'm sorry I talked. Boys, please don't be as big a fool as I was and repeat it."

Thank Allah for that Noble. Wouldn't we be wows if every one of us threw her into reverse when we heard a bit of gossip about one of the boys?

If you would like a tale appropriate for such occasions, here is one which isn't copyrighted:

In the olden days a peasant confessed to a monk that he had slandered an innocent friend. The monk said to him:

"For your peace do this now: take a bag of chicken feathers, go to every yard in the town and drop one feather into each garden. Do not miss a single one. When your bag is empty return to the place you started and gather up every feather. Many of them have no doubt blown away and can never be retrieved.

"So it is with gossip," replied the old monk. "It is easily dropped; but never again, no matter how hard you try, can you gather back the words you have so thoughtlessly scattered."



NOBLE HAS RARE ANTIQUES

Harvey B. Leggee, Editor,
"ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS,"
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Noble:

I am writing this letter to you with the hope that you may print it in your monthly magazine and through the medium of this publication I may get the desired result.

Some years ago I spent four years in Peking, China, for the Rockefeller Foundation of New York. While there I picked up some very valuable Chinese antiques which I would like to sell if I could find an interested party. Among these antiques I have two very old incense burners. The Boston Museum of Fine Arts told me after looking at them, that they were very old and valuable. One was made in 1431 (60 years before Columbus discovered America), and is a very beautiful piece of work. On the bottom is an inscription which has been translated for me as follows: 'Bronze burner made by order of Emperor Hsian

Te of the Ming Dynasty (year 1431), to the President of the Board of Works, Wu Pang Tso, who supervised the making and presented it to a Taoist Temple.' The figures on the outside represent 'Taoist Immortals.'

"The reason for wanting to sell these pieces is due to my present condition. To explain shortly; I was injured very seriously a year ago at an automobile plant when 180 automobile batteries toppled off a conveyor and buried me under the pile.

"I suffered a broken nose, loss of teeth, dislocated left shoulder, compound fracture of upper left arm, simple fracture of lower left arm, ribs broken on left side, spine fractured in two places, pelvis fractured in two places, broken right leg and acid burns all over my body.

"My thought is that an article in our magazine telling my story might locate someone who would be interested in purchasing one of these rare antiques.

"Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated.

"Fraternally yours,
NOBLE A. J. CROCKFORD,
"48 Crescent Avenue,
"Malden, Massachusetts."

Nobles, if you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in these antique pieces please get in touch with Noble Crockford.



AND HE'S SOME BOY

NOBLE "JIM" MACLAUGHLIN, Superintendent of Mechanics Building, was fishing in a Cape Cod lake recently. He caught a big lake trout, the biggest he had ever landed in his long and busy life. He was elated. He was so delighted that he telegraphed his wife, "I've got one. Weighs eight pounds and it is a beauty!"

He received the following answer: "So have I. Weighs ten pounds. Not a beauty, looks like you. Come home."



A REAL NEED FOR THE SHRINE

WE should never forget that the Shrine is primarily a playground for grown-up boys, a safety valve where one can let off accumulated steam and forget worries and disappointments, a place where fun and broadmindedness go hand in hand and where all are bound together in harmonious fellowship. There is and always will be a real need for the Shrine. It is ours to enjoy its intimate relationships which make it the friendliest Order in the world.

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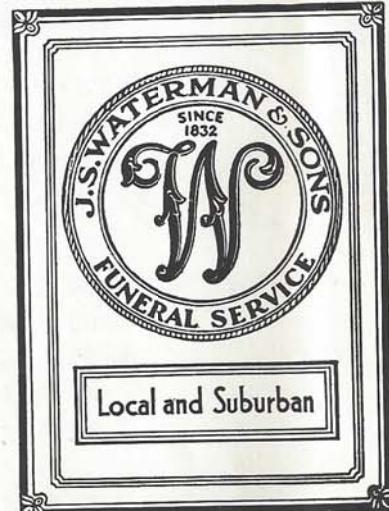
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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR McCOX,
Associate Editor

WITH some kind of activity scheduled for every month, the members of the uniformed units will feel that they are performing some useful service, a better state of mind than obtains through long periods of inactivity. The Shrine, unlike some of the other fraternal groups, is able to find an outlet for its pent-up energies, and gather its fun in spite of everything. In addition to the major events, the separate units are finding excuses constantly, for celebrating something or other and having jollifications of their own.

The party given Noble Hight by his buddies of the first platoon, at Noble Ben Vaughan's home, April 13, was a gay affair. A fine dinner was served by Chefs Fred Wegener and Scottie Duncan, and Noble Hight was presented useful gifts by the members. Entertainment included the showing of moving pictures of the Ancients' European trip, by Ben Vaughan, and also some corking colored pictures taken in New Hampshire.

Noble Herbert Single of the fourth Platoon, also a recent bridegroom, is receiving the congratulations of his buddies. They are expressing their good wishes in a substantial way with a handsome gift for his new home at Jenness Street, Quincy.

Lieut. Leslie Dixon and his third platoon put on a fine exhibition drill at Isaac Parker Lodge, Waltham, April 5. The new lights worn on the uniforms gave a novel effect to the movements and "Chick" Story's music added to the enjoyment of the audience. (What would we do without Noble Story!)

In Noble Chester A. Bailey, of the third platoon, it develops that we have been entertaining an artist unawares. The news that "Chet" had been mentioned as a likely appointee to the office of Town Crier of Provincetown was later topped by his radio audition April 16, when he sang and gave imitations. He has a baritone voice, sings falsetto and puts on a creditable ventriloquist act.

Nobles Walter Cox of the second and Henry Allen of the third platoon have reported for drills after several weeks' absence—both looking fine. Noble Fred Wilder has been missed by the members of the first platoon; we regret the illness of Mrs. Wilder and extend the best wishes of the membership. Nobles Bell and Vaughan of the fourth platoon have been out of the city for several weeks, but now are answering to roll calls.

Lieut. Eddie Freeman, although still under the doctor's orders, frequently drops in on drill night—and glad we are to see him. Eddie's spontaneous cheer and all-round good-fellowship are truly missed—to say nothing of his lively leadership in every activity of the patrol.

We welcome to the fifth platoon a new member, Noble Albert Kelly, long a member of Yaarab Temple patrol of Savannah, Georgia. Noble Kelly is an insurance adjuster and has many friends

in this vicinity; he is having a summer home at Harwichport.

Noble Fred Zuerer of the third platoon, is looking ahead to the summer because he has made elaborate arrangements for a long European trip, going over on the *Normandie* and returning on the *Queen Mary*.

Thumb-nail biography of the month—Noble George Tufts of the first platoon, is undoubtedly one of the oldest members of the patrol, having enrolled thirty years ago this May. Although he has had a long military record, he has been on the patrol much of the time, except when away in foreign service. His military enlistment runs continuous from 1892, when he joined Co. L, 5th Regiment, M.V.M., up to 1921. He served in the Spanish War, on the Mexican Border, and in the World War, where he attained a captaincy. He is a Past Commander of Newton Post, V.F.W., and Past Deputy Inspector for Middlesex County. Noble Tufts has been in the automobile business for many years and is now with S. J. McNeilly, 639 Hammond Street, Brookline, agents for Cadillac, LaSalle, and Oldsmobile. George knows motor cars and his company is one of the oldest in the country—a good man to do business with.



JUST A LITTLE NOTE OF CAUTION

WHAT is seen or heard within the tiled walls of a Shrine Ceremonial should be held sacred (or kept secret). Secrecy is an essential feature of our work and it should also be of our business. What to you may appear trivial is at least worthy of being retained within Shrine circles. A small leak may become a flood when passed to unsealed lips. Let us see to it that we modulate our voices when conversing on Shrine matters, especially in public conveyances and in public places or anywhere when in hearing of others than members of the Shrine. An organization is judged by the actions and conversation of the members comprising it, therefore, "Keep it secret as the grave."

A BUSY LODGE EDITOR
ONE of the busiest men in Fraternal circles these days is Noble George H. Rhodes, lodge editor of the *Quincy Patriot Ledger*.

Noble Rhodes, who contributes the South Shore News to our magazine each month, often has a full page of lodge news in his paper and seems to have no end of news of interest to the fraternal folks of the Quincy area.

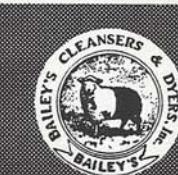
In the month of March he covered twenty-five dinners and twelve luncheons. He covers for his column some forty outings in the Summer. Noble Rhodes says that this fraternal life is grand if you can keep the pace.

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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"THANKS FOR THE MEMORY"

THE band swung into action this month when they journeyed out to Belmont on April 18, to help the town celebrate the tercentenary of the adoption of the constitution.

We had a darned short notice—only a week—but as Noble Beede, who is one of the leading citizens of Belmont, promised the boys a good feed they turned out in force. "Jeff's" promise was fulfilled to the letter (and by letter we don't mean alphabet soup). Noble Seiler was the caterer and the dinner was up to his usual standard of excellence.

The menu started off with New England clam chowder, which was a chowder, with plenty of real clams in it. This was followed by tenderloin of beef with mushroom sauce and all the fixin's. But we still say "Thanks for the memory" of that chowder. The way the boys put the eats away would be a nightmare to a dyspeptic gent. We were afraid some of 'em would be too full for utterance, or too full to blow a note; but they managed it.

The intention was to play an open air concert on the high school grounds, weather permitting, but evidently the committee did not stand in right with old Jupiter Pluvius, as he turned his watering can on full force. In fact, it looked as though he pulled the plug out altogether and threw it away just about the time we were scheduled to go into action. So the concert was given in the school auditorium, and in spite of the weather a good crowd turned out and gave the band a warm welcome.

The boys did a good job, and when they played Goldman's "On the Mall" with the audience singing the refrain, they had to repeat it.

Our leader, Noble Walter Smith, gave as his solo the "Carnival of Venice" and had to respond with an encore, playing "Silver Threads Among the Gold" by special request.

On Monday, April 25, the band goes to the Danvers Hospital, not as inmates but to give a concert. This is on the invitation of Dr. Yerbury of that institution, who, by the way, plays a mean bass. Ye editor-in-chief has notified us that all items must be in his hands by the 21st, so we cannot give the details. Unfortunately we cannot attend owing to a previous engagement, but we know the boys will have an appreciative audience.

We trust, however, that none of them will have difficulty in getting back again, because the staff down in Danvers are experts on mental cases, and we hope they do not examine some of the gang professionally. Of course we do not mean the cornet section, although Noble Fred Waugh put the idea in our head out in Belmont when he said, "Oh boy, you could fill a column about the trip to Danvers." We have been wondering ever since what he meant by that remark. It sounded kinda "nutty" to us.

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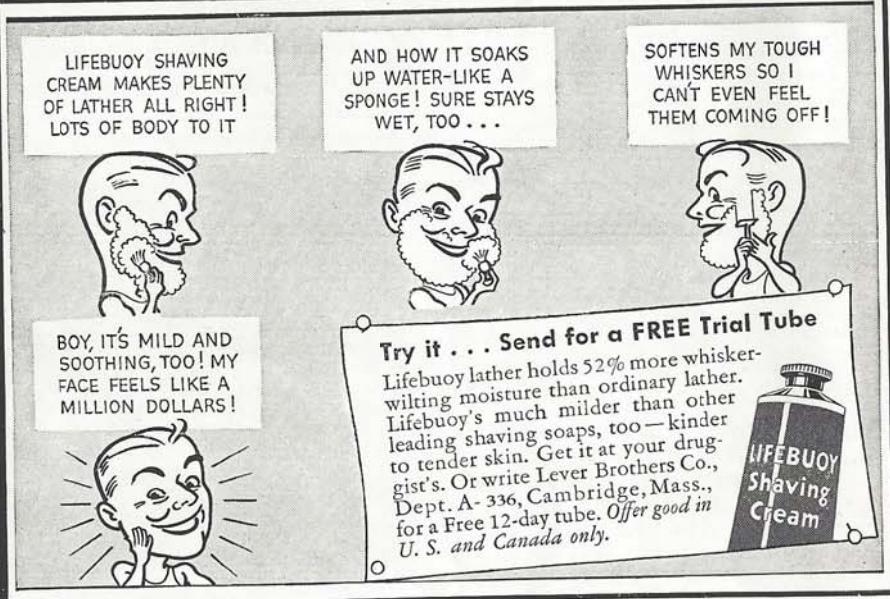
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Mrs. Lawrence Oberacker was inducted into office by her mother, Mrs. Arthur W. Folsom, P. Q. Other installing officers were Mrs. Charles W. Noffsinger, Sr. P. Q.; Mrs. Winfield Nourse, P. Q.; Mrs. S. R. Cunningham, P. Q.; and Miss Ina Caroline Brown, Junior Past Queen, S. D. O.

Miss Brown, retiring Queen, was presented with a Past Queen's jewel from the Temple by Mrs. Cunningham, who after presenting it requested that Mrs. Alexander P. Brown pin the jewel on her daughter. Miss Brown was presented a gift from her officers, an elephant of bronze, to place in her already good-sized collection.

The Queen, Mrs. Oberacker, received flowers and a gift from her officers, with a pledge of good will from the hands of Mrs. John Keiling, P. R.

Brief speeches were made by the installing suite, after which refreshments were enjoyed.



NOBLE WOLF CELEBRATES SEVENTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

NOBLE Morris Wolf of 42 Parkvale Ave., Allston, Mass., celebrates his seventy-eighth birthday Sunday, April 24 by holding open house to his many friends and relatives on that day.

Morris is the oldest retired Police Inspector of the City of Boston. He was

for 34 years a member of the Police Force.

In 1920 he retired from the Boston Police Department to start the detective agency in this city known as the Wolf Secret Service Bureau and with him has been associated his son, Joseph J. Wolf, since that year.

Morris is a member of Germania Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and a charter member of Everett C. Benton Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was marshal of both lodges. He also belongs to the Scottish Bodies and Aleppo. He is also a Past Noble Grand of King Solomon Lodge of Odd Fellows and Commonwealth Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

He has seven living children, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He lost a son, Herbert, in the World War, for whom a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post is named in Dorchester, Mass.

Morris is the oldest member in the Altar Platoon of Aleppo Temple.



RETURN THE GREETING

THE Shrine is like everything else worthwhile. It has its duties as well as its privileges. If you want to be greeted, be ready to greet. Meet the strange Noble in the same manner you want to be met. Mohammed was wise when he dictated the writing of the Koran and said, "When ye are greeted with a greeting, greet ye with a better greeting, or at least return it." Good fellowship is the very essence of Shrinedom, and the more it is practiced the wider the gospel will spread.

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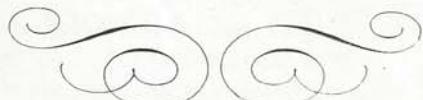
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SOUTH SHORE NEWS

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES
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THE biggest Masonic event in the history of the 26th district comes May 26 when Grand Master Joseph L. Perry will be the guest of all the lodges in the district at a dinner in Quincy Masonic Temple. They are planning on 700 at dinner and another 300 for the meeting. The program has not been completely outlined but it will be one of intense interest. The Most Worshipful will have an opportunity to meet the men of this district and tell them of the work ahead. Without a doubt the 26th district is the most active of all in the state. Rt. Wor. James S. Collins is the District Deputy. The committee in charge of this event includes Wor. John E. Walsh, master of Rural, chairman; Wor. Joseph I. Harris, Norfolk Union, Randolph; Wor. J. Frederick Price, Orphans Hope, East Weymouth; Wor. Oren Carrier, Delta, Braintree; Wor. William E. Mullin, Wollaston; Wor. Harry Atherton, Theodore Roosevelt, Quincy; Wor. Sam Wood, Atlantic; Wor. Lester F. Hiltz, Wessagusset, South Weymouth, and Wor. Albert Allan, Manet, Quincy.

Plays by Quincy and Atlantic chapters of the Star; Old Timers' and Past Officers' nights in Rural Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapters; dance by the Rainbows and play "Oh Doctor" by the Demolays with the boys taking both men and women characters, with numerous group parties, keep the Masonic fraternity and women's orders on the jump.

May 8, Quincy; South Shore of Weymouth; St. Omer, Dorchester; Joseph Warren, Roxbury; and Cyprus, Hyde Park, joined in a service at the First Parish Church, "The Church of the Presidents" or "Stone Church" in Quincy Square. Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, chaplain of Quincy Commandery, gave the ceremony. Rev. Arthur B. Whitney, Pastor, is Chaplain of Rural Lodge.

Rt. Ex. Herbert S. Fairclough, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Ex. Richard C. Stidston, Deputy Grand Captain of the Host, are busy making official visits in the Seventh Capitular District. Both are Nobles of Aleppo and the visits will not conflict with any Aleppo events.

Noble A. Kenneth Martin, Commander of South Shore Commandery, had a long list of notables at his inspection the 24th. With this out of the way he and Noble Dawes will rest easier and give thought to Aleppo.

Noble Clayton Havey was officiating as Grand Captain of the Host with Grand High Priest Whittemore at the Chapter of Instruction in Hingham the 16th. There was a flock of Aleppo men in the line.

The Parents' Club of Wollaston assembly of Rainbows is growing rapidly. They serve refreshments at Rainbow meetings. The catch in this is that the men have to wash the dishes.

Noble Andrew Seiler spoke at Quincy Kiwanis the other noon and allowed it was great to have lunch and not worry over the menu. He gave a talk, not an oration, that the Kiwanians enjoyed. They picked a man to introduce him who had eaten more Seiler dinners than any one present and Mr. Seiler added, "and still lives." This service club tries to get practical men as their speakers, men who know the problems of business and tell them in two-letter words.